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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PDIP, PLO

SUBJ: PLO REPRESENTATION IN SOMALIA

REF: STATE 091578

- 1. THE PLO IS REPRESENTED IN THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, BY A SMALL MISSION, WHICH HAS BEEN IN MOGADISCIO AT LEAST SINCE 1971 AND, PROBABLY SINCE 1969. IT DOES NOT MAINTAIN AN INFORMATION OFFICE, AND ITS CURRENT PREMISES, LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO CASUAL ENQUIRIES OR PROPAGANDA EFFORTS. THE PLO MISSION HERE HAS BEEN GRANTED DIPLOMATIC STATUS BY THE GSDR, AND ENJOYS FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. ITS PERSONNEL ARE LISTED IN THE DIPLOMATIC REGISTER. THE HEAD OF THE PLO MISSION HERE CARRIES THE TITLE "REPRESENTATIVE PLENIPOTENTIARY", AND IS ACCORDED THE SAME COURTESIES BY THE GSDR AS HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.
- 2. FOUR INDIVIDUALS ARE LISTED IN THE DIPLOMATIC REGISTER AS BEING ACCREDITED TO THE PLO MISSION. THEY ARE:

MR. MOHAMED ABDI EL-AZIZ ("REPRESENTATIVE PLENIPOTENTIARY"), CONFIDENTIAL

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MR. ABDI EL-KARIM M. RAYAN, MR. IBRAHIM ADYA RASRAS AND MR. RABIH SULEIMAN RABIH.

3. THE PLO HERE AS ENGAGED IN VIOLENT AND AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES, (INCLUDING THREATS AGAINST THE WIFE OF THE THEN-AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LATE SPRING OF 1973). IN LATER YEARS IT HAS BEHAVED ITSELF, AND IS NOW VIEWED HERE

AS HAVING ONE "ESTABLISHMENT".

4. PLO COMPONENT ELEMENTS OR OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT IN EVIDENCE HERE, AND ARE NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE GSDR. LOUGHRAN

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